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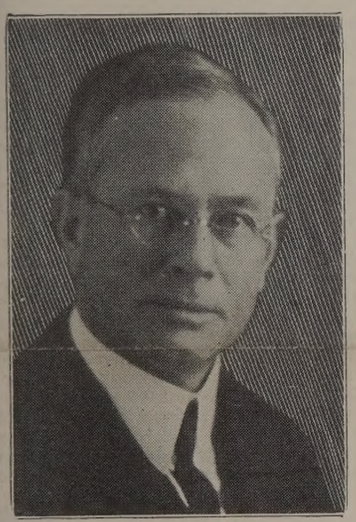
PROGRAM FOR STATE MEETING

Moderator Ralph C. Waddell and the other members of the program committee for the State Conference have practically completed arrangements for the meeting in Fresno, October 17th-19th. Dr. Albert W. Palmer will speak three times, using as his themes: "Can We Build a Friendly World," "A Psychological Approach to Pastoral Work," and "What the Spirit is Saying to the Churches Today." Dr. Theodore G. Soares will give the opening address on the first afternoon, using as his theme: "Have we a Gospel?" Dr. Noel J. Breed will have charge of the devotional services, and



Dr. Albert W. Palmer, President of Chicago Theological Seminary, who will give three addresses at the State Conference

there will also be an early morning watch under the leadership of Rev. M. G. Papazian.

The closing session on Thursday evening will be a dinner for both men and women, with Dr. O. W. S. McCall as toastmaster, and Dr. Palmer as the speaker. There will be round tables devoted to "The Church and State," "The Depression: a Catastrophe or an Opportunity," "Education on Alcohol," and "The Why of the State Conference." Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento will be the preacher for the Conference, and Dr. T. T. Giffen will conduct the memorial and communion services. Programs will be mailed to the churches before the end of September, and the October issue of The Pacific will carry full details.

Music for the Tuesday evening service will be furnished by the Armenian Church. On Wednesday evening, choirs from the German churches will be heard. The First Church will furnish soloists at the dinner on Thursday evening.

On Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock there will be an International Luncheon at the First Congregational Church, given by the women of the First Church, the Japanese Church, the Armenian Church and the German Churches, with a short international program. Following this there will be the regular fall meeting of the Federation, also held at the First Church. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Franklin Warner of the American Board and Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oakland. Following this afternoon meeting there will be an informal reception for women of the Conference at the home of Mrs. Norman Henderson.

EDITOR REPORTS COMMISSIONING

In reporting the commissioning of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Fiske Wilbur, which took place on Sunday, August 20th, at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, The Pacific can do no better than to quote from the column entitled "Ways of the World," by John D. Barry in the San Francisco News of August 24th. Mr. Barry's article follows:

The other evening in the First Congregational Church at Post and Mason Streets, there was a very unusual ceremony. The program called it the commissioning of Leonard Fisk Wilbur, M.D., and Jean Spaulding Wilbur, as missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to Fenchow Mission, North China.

Though I had never seen young Dr. Wilbur, I had long known his father and mother, and I'd heard a good deal about him and about his plans for service in a distant country. He was the young son of Judge Curtis D. Wilbur, formerly Secretary of the Navy. After his graduation at Stanford, where he specialized in biological chemistry, he had prepared for a medical career at the Stanford University Medical School, and at the hospital maintained by the University of Pennsylvania. A few weeks before he had married another graduate of Stanford, also a specialist in biological chemistry, from San Bernardino.

Together these young people were to put their abilities and their acquirements at the service of the Chinese. In a few weeks they would sail from San Francisco on the S. S. President Coolidge. Their first year they would spend at a language school. Then they would be ready for their assignment from the North China Mission. Beyond their expenses, they'd receive no pay.

Here was zeal not often met in these days of self-seeking and competition.

Naturally, I was interested to see those two enthusiasts. Good faces, both, intelligent, clear-eyed, types as fine as we could produce in this country of ours.

On the platform I noticed several Chinese faces. The invocation was given by a Chinese clergyman of San Francisco, the Rev. Bing Yee Leong. Strange to hear a Christian prayer delivered in Chinese. The address by Dr. Carl Safford Patton of Los Angeles emphasized the relation that could develop between culture, sacrifice and service. Culture for its own sake Dr. Patton didn't prize. And sacrifice for its own sake he couldn't approve of. But service when it was sustained with sacrifice and culture he placed among the supreme achievements of the human spirit.

A thoughtful, able talk, well delivered.

There was a dramatic scene while

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, D.D., Pastor of First Congregational Church, San Francisco, California

the missionary group stood around the young Wilburs and the new pastor of the church, Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, delivered a prayer of consecration. And there was drama in the modest and beautiful "welcome to China" from the Consul General of China, Chan Chung Lok. He spoke for a nation who had passed through age-long suffering, and he expressed his gratitude to the country that had done so much to help his fellow countrymen.

Two former missionaries, Dr. Susan Tallmon Sargent and the Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, referred to their long exile in China as a period of great happiness. As I listened to them I said to myself, "Some force at work evidently, consecration to an ideal. Why isn't it utilized more?"

Judge Wilbur spoke briefly in what the program described as the presentation of the candidates. He stressed independence as a vital attribute of character. He evidently believed in letting his son and his son's wife form their own decisions, work out their careers in their own way.

After the ceremony we were all invited to meet Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur in the reception hall. In the moment I had with them I ventured to offer a little suggestion, that they keep a daily record of their experience in China. I wasn't surprised to hear it had been repeatedly made to them before. One of their friends had even presented them with a diary.

What a chance for putting down the little incidents that would contribute to a notable human document.

The West Bay Cacoypa are planning a rally on the evening of September 22nd, which will probably be held at Grace United Church, Twenty-first and Capp Streets, San Francisco. A supper will be served. Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be the speaker.

A small organ is wanted by the Berkeley Chinese Church. Please notify the Conference office if you can supply this need.

ASILOMAR ON THE GAIN

Congregationalists who remember the small beginning of the Young People's Conference at Asilomar nine years ago rejoice in the power and usefulness which this annual gathering has come to be in the life of our churches.

Last year, in spite of the depression, the attendance reached an all-time record mark, and this year, even though financial conditions were even less favorable, the attendance was within eleven of that of 1932. A total of 92 young people of high school age, 112 of college age, five guests and 24 counselors and faculty members made up the full time registration of 233, with seven additional for part time. The number of churches represented jumped from thirty a year ago, to forty this year.

The courses were carried out as outlined in the May and June issues of The Pacific, and director Edwin T. Sherman, who was in touch with all departments of the Conference and the work being done in each class, said at the close that if he were to choose the faculty all over again he would make no changes.

Reports from the young people to their pastors indicate that this year's conference was the best ever, and reveal that the spirit and traditions of Asilomar are taking hold. Problems of conduct and discipline were almost nil. In addition to the class work there were services of worship each morning and evening, during which Rev. O. W. S. McCall led the young people to understand and appreciate reverence and to discover the inspiration of worship. The profound thanks of the churches of Northern California go to Mr. Sherman, to Rev. James H. Price, Director of Promotion, and to the entire staff of faculty and other workers. Preliminary plans for next year's conference will be made at the September meeting of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, under the chairmanship of Rev. Ralph C. Waddell.

The Cacoypa, young people's organization, elected as officers for the ensuing year: Louis Neumann, president; Wilma Conn, vice-president; Charlotte Sherman, secretary; Ernestine Prather, Mary Jo Henderson and Wayne Rapp, councilors; and by unanimous action urged upon the local societies the adoption of the projects which were accepted a year ago.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 9th — Modoc Association, Alturas.

September 15th — Entertainment and open house at the Berkeley Chinese Church, 1917 Addison Street.

September 19th—Council of East Bay Churches at Calvary Church, Oakland.

September 26th—Convention of the State Federation of Churches, First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco.

October 17th-19th—Annual meeting of the Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

October 18th—Fall meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, in First Church, Fresno.

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Dollars Again

Aids Offered to the Churches

Do you remember the little dollar cards, the ones that contain spaces for ten dimes, which we used so effectively last year to help lift our missionary giving? What about using them again this year? Or using a little tin box to put on the dining room table in which members of the family can deposit coins from time to time? Or little slotted envelopes which one can carry in purse or pocket and fill with spare change for the cause of Jesus Christ?

Early in the year it was decided by the benevolence committee that in the autumn the Conference would offer to the churches these aids in meeting the apportionment.

A year ago pastors, Sunday school superintendents and counselors of young people's societies found the dime cards of great value, not only in helping raise the missionary apportionment, but in giving a definite outlet for missionary interest created by stories. Letters have gone out or will go out within a few days outlining the plan for this year. In the meantime, the need has become exceedingly acute. Up to August 1st, the receipts of the American Board had dropped more than 30 per cent, and the Home Boards 33 per cent, as against a like period a year ago. Northern California has done better than some of our sister states, for our loss to that time was just about 10 per cent for all the benevolences. But even this loss has created grave problems, for it follows the serious loss of a year ago.

If our churches will see to it that a coin box is put in every home, or that a dime card is given to every member of church, young people's societies, women's organizations and Sunday schools, and that a careful record is made of those who take cards and a careful plan is made for gathering them in, we can do very much to bring our giving up to the level of last year or higher.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dr. Frank Laubach of the Philippine Islands writes that he has visited Rev. Pedro Royola, who was formerly in California, and that Mr. Royola is doing a magnificent work among the young people of his region, who come to see him every night and read in the little library which he has. He is in great need of books, especially the type that would appeal to boys and girls between ten and eighteen. If among our churches there are people who could spare such books and would be willing to help by sending them and paying the postage, it will be greatly appreciated. Regular parcel post rates for the eighth zone will apply. Address: Rev. Pedro F. Royola, Cagayan, Oriental Misamis, Philippine Islands.

SOME GOOD! SOME—?

At the end of May the shrinkage in missionary giving for the first five months of the year from our Northern California churches was almost exactly $1,000, or a little less than 10 per cent. By the end of July the shrinkage amounted to $1,700, which was about ten and one-third per cent. During the month of August there was a terrific slump in income as will be noticed by the accompanying figures, so that the shortage as against the first eight months of last year is $3,134.56, which amounts to more than 15 per cent. The first column in the schedule below shows the receipts since June 1st, when the last issue of The Pacific was printed. Doubtless some of our churches have been caught in the summer slump and have failed to make their remittances. Now that vacation is over we shall hope to hear from the treasurers quickly.

	June 1 to Aug. 31 1933	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31 1933	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31 1932
Adin	$ 30.91	$ 41.43	$ 84.16
Alameda	6.27	98.81	175.00
Alturas	8.50	8.50	20.00
Angel's Camp.	20.00	40.00	50.00
Antioch	8.67	19.77	24.32
Auburn	6.50	18.50	
Benicia	7.00	7.00	25.50
Berkeley, First.	1935.00	4516.00	4515.00
North	232.50	571.30	741.90
Park	35.35	35.35	48.65
Campbell	85.00	190.00	140.00
Ceres	15.88	39.54	160.00
Cloverdale	20.86	62.50	104.57
Cotati	10.00	55.45	65.50
Crockett	11.90	54.95	89.25
Eureka	.....	55.05	62.78
Fairfax	20.00	40.00	45.00
Ferndale	67.66	190.42	191.56
Fowler	.....	10.00	.....
Fresno, First	46.60	121.60	213.26
Grass Valley	.....	.....	10.38
Guerneville	.....	.....	35.00
Kenwood	.....	16.13	28.06
Lodi, First	210.00	530.00	790.00
Loomis	.....	.....	10.00
Martinez	.....	22.10	48.48
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Oakland—			
First	1500.00	3636.45	4518.00
Fruitvale	.....	4.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	.....	10.45
Plymouth (Olivet)	200.00	503.50	910.70
Oroville	.....	.....	55.00
Pacific Grove	97.50	253.45	254.85
Palo Alto	150.00	500.00	991.85
Paradise	15.00	53.00	75.00
Pescadero	.....	.....	5.00
Petaluma	252.60	463.17	362.75
Pittsburg	19.82	34.88	41.90
Porterville	15.00	15.00	18.33
Redwood City.	100.00	235.00	396.85
Ripon	20.00	40.00	42.50
Sacramento	202.00	442.00	515.00
Salida	.....	7.00	31.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany-Miss. Pk.	10.50	135.50	210.00
Calvary	10.00	10.00	.....
First	407.05	912.05	50.00
Ocean View.	5.00	5.00	25.00
Richmond	15.00	33.00	31.00
San Jose	193.95	503.95	527.85
San Leandro—			
Broadmoor	.....	.....	69.59
Santa Cruz	175.00	426.00	350.00
Santa Rosa	51.45	125.44	177.46
Saratoga	150.00	250.00	400.00
Sebastopol	15.73	87.26	66.74
Sonoma	20.00	65.00	62.96
Soquel	4.00	14.00	.....
Stockton	263.09	502.29	757.00
Suisun	.....	30.00	50.00
Sunnyvale	2.50	11.90	18.80
Tulare	40.00	110.00	190.75
Weaverville	20.00	33.75	41.25
Woodside	31.50	73.00	73.00
Reno, Nev.	116.90	215.53	270.93
Miscellaneous	34.39	245.39	575.59
	$6,916.58	$16,760.91	$19,895.47

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

No one thinks it strange if a man appears with his wife on his back at the American Hospital, Adana, Turkey. Journeys afoot or on horseback, lasting two or three days, are often taken by patients coming to see Dr. Cyril H. Haas. By a strange coincidence, "Haas" in Turkish means "genuine." Some folks among the more ignorant absolutely refuse to go to any other doctor. It is a logical sequence to a name like that! Far and wide the "Haas doctor" is known because he heals, yes, and because he does not extort money from the sick, and shows deep personal interest in them.

Rev. W. J. Johnson

Churches and ministers throughout all Northern California, together with the entire city of Oroville, are mourning the death of Rev. William J. Johnson, who might well be called the "grand old man" of our fellowship.

Dr. Johnson was born in Liverpool, England, April 13, 1846, and died in San Francisco August 21st of this year at the age of 87 years and four months. He was a printer by trade, but became interested in the Wesleyan movement and received his education while still in the home land. At about the age of thirty he came to Nova Scotia, entering the Methodist ministry. His first pastorate in the United States was in Vermont, and this was followed by others in the Methodist Church at Sioux City, Iowa; Emmetsburg, Iowa, and West Superior, Wisconsin. Nearly forty years ago he transferred to the Congregational Church at Lemars, Iowa. Since that time he served the church at Peoria, Illinois, for five years, at Springfield, Illinois, thirteen years, and Oroville, California, seventeen years.

He was married in 1877 to Alice Seaman of Nova Scotia, who died in 1909. Four children survive him: Miss Pauline Johnson of San Francisco; Rudolph Johnson of Oak Park, Illinois; Frederick Johnson of Butte, Montana, and Richard Johnson of Peoria, Illinois.

In May of this year, while returning from a pastoral call, Dr. Johnson suffered an automobile accident which for a younger man might not have been serious. He was confined to the hospital for a month, from which he was discharged greatly improved. He fully expected to resume his work September 15th, but a sudden turn for the worse, which was followed within a week by his death, prevented.

The funeral service was held in Oroville by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on August 23rd. The remains were interred in Springfield, Illinois. The merchants of Oroville closed their stores for the hour of the funeral. It was frequently heard from the lips of non-church men that he was the leading citizen of his city, and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce said that Oroville had lost its greatest asset. He was every sense a community pastor, taking an active interest in every civic enterprise, and so far as his strength and time would permit, in the welfare of every individual in need. He was a preacher of rare power, as those who have heard him at Conference and associations will testify, but he will be remembered longest for his good cheer and broad sympathies. It is nothing short of astounding that the tremendous hold which he had gained on the city and community, and the influence which extended far and wide in California, had all come about after he had reached the age of seventy.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Among the guest preachers during the vacation of Rev. Horton Colbert, the pastor, were Rev. W. W. Furze, Rev. Huber Burr, and Mr. Glen Corbin. A two-weeks vacation school, with an enrollment of over 150, including 15 teachers, was held in June. The parish has been organized into six neighborhoods with 24 people, each responsible as pastor's assistants for a number of families.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A vacation school with 351 registered was held in June. About forty adults and young people assisted. Eighteen young people attended the Methodist Institutes, and eight the Congregational Young People's Conference at Asilomar. Rev. J. C. Carpenter is the pastor, and Rev. James H. Price the associate.

Rev. Charles H Cleaves

After a long and bitter struggle against ill health, Rev. Charles H. Cleaves passed away on Saturday, July 29th. For many months before resigning from the Oakland Pilgrim Church, Mr. Cleaves had been under the doctor's care, and his purpose in stepping out of the ministry for a brief time was to make it possible to recover completely. In this he was not successful, in spite of consultations and treatments with many of the leading physicians of this district.

Mr. Cleaves was born in Kansas City, Kansas, September 24, 1885. He was a graduate of Morrisville, College, Missouri, and received his theological education at Vanderbilt University. He was ordained at Independence, Missouri, in 1907, as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. For that denomination he held five pastorates as follows: Seneca, Missouri; Grants Pass, Oregon; Coquille, Oregon; Roseburg, Oregon, and Corvallis, Oregon. About sixteen years ago he transferred to the Congregational ministry, since which time he served the Congregational churches at Pocatello, Idaho, for seven years, at Reno, Nevada, one year, and Oakland Pilgrim seven years.

He is survived by three brothers, two sisters, and his father and mother, his father now occupying the church in which Mr. Cleaves began his ministry. He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary M. Cleaves, and by four children: Mrs. Marvel Kinnicutt, and Howard H., Thelma M., and Betty Jane Cleaves.

Mr. Cleaves was one of the most active, hard-working and effective ministers in the Northern California Congregational Conference. During his pastorates at both Pocatello and Oakland, he was instrumental in greatly strengthening his churches. He had an unbounded capacity for engendering enthusiasm, and securing co-operation among his parishioners. He will be greatly missed by the very wide circle of friends which he has made both within and without the church.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church.

PACIFIC GROVE. On June 21st the members of the women's organization held an all-day meeting at Mt. Hermon—forty attending. After dinner a business meeting of both societies was held when plans were made for attending the M. E. M. conference at Asilomar in August. A few weeks ago the ladies entertained the Tri-County Ministerial Union.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, suffered a serious loss recently when his auto was stolen while he was attending the reception to the new pastor of the Methodist Church. Preparations are being made for a community canvass to prepare for the closing of the church year in October.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. A very successful vacation church school was held during the month of July. More than 80 were enrolled, and 17 were on the teaching staff. Mr. James E. Boyd, the minister, felt that exceedingly thorough-going work had been done, and that the church and Sunday school had been greatly benefited.

FAIRFAX. Rev. James W. Price has solved the problem of furnishing Sunday school lesson material which untrained teachers can use, by preparing it himself. Gas heat is being installed in the building, which will simplify janitor service, which is furnished by volunteers.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA. A large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed the Annual Fall Festival of the Petaluma Church, held in the gardens of the G. P. McNear home. This year it was built around the idea of the Century of Progress. Large panels and towers, painted by one of the young people, followed the lines of art of the Chicago Exposition. A pageant, written by Dr. Breed and Mr. Ellis Newsome, depicted the changes in life between 1833 and 1933. Rev. J. J. Jones, of Santa Rosa, impersonated Abraham Lincoln. Music of the periods was rendered by a chorus of 45 voices, and an orchestra. One of the Standard Oil Company's sound amplifiers made it possible for every one to hear. In the afternoon a Fashion Show and Baby Parade interested the guests. A barbecued dinner was served, and amusements of many kinds were provided throughout the grounds.

On July 29th, Mr. James W. Elder passed from this life, at the age of 86 years, 11 months. He was the son of one of the charter members of this church, and had been a regular subscriber. He left to the church a bequest of $500.00

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Second honors were carried off by this church in the number of delegates to the Asilomar Young People's Conference, with a total of sixteen attending. During the summer a vacation school enrolling 186 pupils was held. Thirty people served on the faculty. The closing exercises were attended by 350 parents and friends. Forty-three of the pupils attended no Sunday school; 88 attended Plymouth; the rest represented 18 different denominations. Rev. T. T. Giffen has worked out a plan with the Pacific School of Religion in which he teaches a course in return for the assistance of three students in his Sunday school and young people's work.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. Since the closing of the pastorate of Rev. John R. Shoemaker on May 1st, the pulpit has been supplied by Mr. Cyril Hicks, a student at the Pacific School of Religion. At the request of the church, the Northern California Congregational Conference is conducting a survey of the neighborhood and the present organization, under the leadership of Rev. Tom Watt of the Berkeley Park Church. A Council has been called of East Bay Churches, and of certain individuals, to meet on September 19th, to hear the report of the survey and to advise the church and the Conference as to future procedure.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Recently two picture pulpits were dedicated, one on the outside and the other the inside of the church. From week to week some of the finest art pictures presenting the relationship of religion to modern life will be displayed. Congregations have been greatly increased, and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the new minister, is making a real place for himself in the life of San Francisco.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The pastorate of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach opened on August 1st. Services have been conducted both morning and evening with large audiences. On August 25th a reception by several hundred people was tendered the new pastor and his family, and innumerable personal and official expressions of welcome and good will were extended. The Pacific joins with the people of Oakland First in looking forward to a most happy and fruitful ministry.

MODOC INDIAN. Through gifts from the Northern California Indian Association to the Conference, it is now possible for Miss Mary Coxhead to have a mission house in Alturas. A small cottage has been rented so that the Indians will have a place for meeting and social life. Churches and women's organizations throughout the State are co-operating by donating dishes, cooking utensils, dish towels, First-Aid materials, magazines, pictures, small rugs and curtains.

Miss Coxhead desires, through the columns of The Pacific to thank the churches for clothes and material received in the past, and for donations which are now being made and which she feels sure will be made to the mission house. On September 8th, the evening before the meeting of the Modoc Association, there will be a simple dedicatory service, which will be attended by Mrs. Gail Cleland and Mrs. Edwin B. Mead of the Women's Federation, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

TRINITY COUNTY. After about four years of work, Rev. Robert J. Allen has resigned this parish and moved to Chico where he expects to engage in business. Mr. Allen has worked hard and driven many miles over difficult roads in order to minister to the people of the county. He is regarded highly as a man and a preacher, and carries with him the affection of the churches.

At a recent meeting, Rev. James D. Salmon of the Ocean View Church, San Francisco, was called. He has accepted and will take up his duties beginning September 24th. It will be remembered that this field is the particular responsibility of the Congregational domination, and that the Congregational pastor is the only minister in the county.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school in June. Two significant plans have been launched. The first is called the Hundred Club. Through this it is planned to enlist one hundred men who will pledge to be at church at least once a month, and who will endeavor to promote attendance so that there will be one hundred men at each Sunday morning service. In order to take care of the finances of the church, a Mile of Pennies is to be raised, members and friends subscribing for as many as they feel they can assume at 25 pennies per foot.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW, Six young people from this church attended the Asilomar Conference. A vacation church school was held in June when a study was made of foreign missions at home. Rev. James D. Salmon, who has been serving this church for the past four years, and has helped it pay a burdensome debt and to improve its property as well as to build up its Sunday School and re-establish its young people's work, has resigned to take effect soon after the middle of September, in order to undertake his new work in Trinity County .

STOCKTON. The "Congregational Players" of Stockton closed a highly successful first season. Six dramas and two pageants were presented since last October. A good curtain and footlights were installed by the young people, at an expense of approximately $80. In addition, the young people contributed $10 to Christmas charity, and over $18 in cash to the church treasury.

ALTURAS. This church recently celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary at a dinner, when the history of Auturas and of the church were related. The building was beautifully decorated. Candles were lit one by one as the names of the ministers who had served the church were read from the records.

The pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, believes that the man serving this community should have an airplane, for the radius of his movements extend to the Oregon line on the north, the Nevada line on the east, twenty miles to the south and fifty miles or so to the west. Over 600 young men are stationed in three conservation camps, and three pastors of Modoc County have divided the work and are looking after it to the best of their ability. Fifty or sixty young men attend each of the out-of-town meetings. A recreational program for winter, in which the church will participate, is in the making.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. During the summer, the young men of this church, under the leadership of Mr. T. T. Taam, the pastor, have painted the exterior and interior of the entire building and made other and much-needed improvements. These young men have donated their labor and the Conference office has undertaken to raise the $125 or so needed for the materials. Individuals and church organizations who appreciate the great improvement which has been made, are invited to send in their contributions. The members of the church will give an entertainment and party on Friday evening, September 15th, at 8:30. It is hoped that many representatives of our churches will attend. The young people of the church are mimeographing a very attractive news sheet in both English and Chinese.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Mr. John H. Gregg, the director, now has an assistant in the person of his brand new wife, formerly Miss Lois Hamilton of Los Angeles. A young people's forum under Mrs. Gregg's direction has been formed, with eighteen members. The regular monthly meeting of the women's auxiliary of the North Church was held in the Fellowship House August 24th. A local directing committee, with Mrs. Herman F. Swartz as chairman and Mrs. Chester Marliave vice-chairman and treasurer, has been formed with the plan of finding at least half of the necessary financial support among the people of the community.

LODI. This church makes splendid use of its delegates to the Asilomar Young People's Conference by devoting a service to hearing the reports by the young people themselves. This year six persons participated, each telling of some lasting impressions which had been gained. Lodi secured the banner this year, both for the number present and for the distance travelled. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor of the church, was the director of the conference, and to a large degree responsible for its success.

COTATI. A daily average attendance of 65 is reported for the vacation church school. A Junior Christian Endeavor has been organized. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson of the Pacific School of Religion, is serving this church.

PESCADERO. During the nine Sundays of vacation, the attendance has averaged more than for the entire year thus far. Rev. J. L. Rollins is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. A two-weeks vacation school was held in June, with children from Clyde and Nichols attending in addition to those from Port Chicago. In spite of the fact that during the past year many families have moved away, the enrollment was only slightly under that of a year ago. Out of a total of 130, ninety had perfect attendance. A total of 37 Catholic children, one Christian Science, none Lutheran and four unaffiliated were enrolled. Mr. R. L. Cramer and his mother, Mrs. Carpenter, also conducted a school at Avon with an enrollment of 31. The class work was of a higher order than ever before, and at the closing of the Port Chicago school the Legion hall was crowded with parents and friends. It was expected that a school would be held at Ambrose, but on account of repairs to the building, it was omitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. On Sunday, June 11th, this church celebrated its 60th anniversary. Old-timers will remember that the beginnings of the Chinese Church were in connection with the organization of the Bethany Church by Dr. William C. Pond. For many years, American and Chinese worshipped together, but finally it was decided to separate, and the Chinese Church undertook its work in Chinatown. Greetings were brought by Hon. Chung Chan Lok, Consul General of China; Rev. Jason Noble Pierce of the First Congregational Church, Rev. Tse Kei Yuen of the Chinese Christian Union, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill of the Northern California Congregational Conference. The Pacific and the churches of the Bay area unite in congratulating the Chinese Church and its pastor, Rev. B. Y. Leong.

BIG VALLEY. Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace, with the assistance of Mrs. H. J. Loken and Miss Mary Coxhead of Alturas and Rev. E. W. Houlding of Benicia, conducted a young people's camp and conference near Fall River Mills for one week during June. Nineteen young people and seven adults were in attendance. All of the young people attended every class, and there was not a single disciplinary problem. The total expense per person was $3.50 for the week, which fully covered the entire cost. A number of new people have come into Nubieber, and if the use of a building can be secured, services and Sunday School will be resumed.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. August 6th marked the 19th anniversary of the present pastorate. In addition to a sermon appropriate to the occasion by the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, letters of congratulation were received from Superintendent H. H. Gill of the Northern California Conference, and from Rev. V. H. Yessayan, Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of California. Frespo musical artists graciously contributed to the musical program. The subject of the sermon was: "What may a church rightly expect of its minister as Preacher, as Pastor, and as a Man?" The text, Tit. 1:7-9

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

MORE THAN 100

Yes, to be exact, 120 women attended the Fall Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation.

Mrs. James H. Price gave an enthusiastic and challenging account of the Young People's Conference at Asilomar. Highlights in her report are as follows: 233 young people attending; Lodi carrying off the banner with 28 delegates; the communion service so impressively and helpfully led by Rev. O. W. S. McCall; $567.00 pledged for missions; Professor Linsley's course on "Alcohol and Man" which the young people pronounced "marvelous," adding "if he would only go about speaking at High Schools, no one would believe in alcohol." Professor Linsley is the head of the Astronomy Department at Mills College.

WILBURS HONORED

One of the happiest events of the Executive Meeting was the reception for Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, who will leave for China on September 8th, as American Board missionaries. Dr. Wilbur, son of Judge and Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, has grown up in our midst and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. Six million people will be dependent on him for physical health and spiritual well-being. As Dr. Wilbur so aptly expressed it, "You cannot talk of Jesus to people who have stomach aches or who are hungry," but when their bodies are healed they will listen to spiritual truths.

It was an equal joy to meet Dr. Wilbur's bride, who is ideally fitted for her high calling, one who will be a help and comrade in time of joy and sorrow. She said she felt it a great privilege to go to the foreign field, "a challenge to the best there is in me," she added.

Our heartiest good wishes we extend to Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur as they sail through the Golden Gate to their Land of Promise and great opportunity.

MRS. FRANCIS J. VAN HORN

Again we have lost from our midst one beloved by all of us, Mrs. Francis J. Van Horn, at the home of her son, Paul, in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Saturday, August 12th.

Not only in the Bay region, but in the Pacific Northwest, and on the Atlantic coast, where Dr. Van Horn served churches, will she ever be held in loving remembrance. Wherever she went she was a constant inspiration, an able and tireless worker in every good cause, a devoted home-maker and mother.

Although in poor health for the past three years, she never complained, never referred to her own suffering, which was often acute, and which to a less courageous soul would have been unendurable.

She was interested to the last in her friends, in the activities of First Church, Oakland, in the young people, and in the world-wide cause of missions. We marvel at her courage, her faith, her consecration; also at the ability of Dr. Van Horn to "carry on" bravely, and with a smile as he passes along the road whose every sign post seems to spell sorrow.

To Dr. Van Horn and to the sorrowing sons and daughters, we, as a Federation, send our tenderest heart-felt sympathy.

These Congregational Leaders will speak at the State Conference in Fresno, October 17th-19th, and will visit about 25 churches in Northern California

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of New York and Claremont are planning, with their little cabin on wheels, to visit the local churches this Fall, and to give inspiring talks illustrated with a variety of slides and films. You may plan to have a special luncheon, tea or dinner for them, as they have a definite schedule that cannot be altered. What a treat each church will have that is privileged to entertain them!

THE DREAM HOUSE

At last Miss Mary Coxhead has secured a little house at Alturas, where the Indians can gather, and where the women can learn how to cook and how to live. The house has been cleaned and painted, furniture collected and repaired, but the new cupboard shelves like those of Old Mother Hubbard, are bare. After Miss Helen Perkins' colorful plea, dishes, silver, kitchen utensils, all sorts of household necessities, acquired powers of locomotion, and, making straight for Miss Perkins' car, are already on their way to Alturas. Miss Coxhead hopes also to make the Dream House an aid in fighting the Indians' worst foes, alcohol and drunkenness. Miss Perkins also showed some very interesting posters made by Indian children to show the evils of intemperance.

MODOC ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Modoc Association will be held at Alturas Saturday afternoon and evening, September 9th. A team of speakers and helpers will make the trip to Modoc, consisting of Mrs. Gail Cleland and Mrs. Edwin B. Mead of the Women's Federation; Moderator Ralph C. Waddell and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Visits will be made to Likely and Big Valley, as well as Alturas. Pastors and people of the Modoc churches have arranged the program and are making other preparations.

National Plan for Mobilization of Women

A call has been issued from denominational headquarters for a closer cooperation among the women's organizations, a more unified program, and an official representation of State Presidents, who head up the work in their respective states.

Since the adoption of the merger, interest has flagged temporarily in certain sections of the country. It is necessary that these waning energies be re-vitalized and re-engaged in our common task. How can this best be accomplished?

A committee of nine—three representing the Women State Presidents, three from the Commission on Missions, and three State Superintendents, were appointed at Evanston in January, 1933, to study this whole situation. Questionnaires have been sent out to members of the organizations they represented and replies solicited. With scarcely an exception all replying favored some more definite national organization of women.

In order to attain their goal, a unified, standardized woman's program, as well as a more definite affiliation of State presidents, they suggested first the election of an Associate Woman Secretary of the Commission on Missions. A man already serves as Executive Secretary, his chief responsibility being the initiating and promoting of plans, and this work he would continue. The function of the Associate Woman Secretary would be the development of the work of our Congregational women.

In order to do this, only a minimum of office work should be exacted from her, leaving her free to travel and carry on field work. She should endeavor to become well acquainted with the problems of each state and the committee of Missionary Education should seek her aid and co-operation, as well as the Executive Committee of State Presidents, before formulating any programs for Women's Societies.

An Executive Committee on State Presidents, to be chosen every two years, should consist of seven members, three elected to serve for one year, four for a term of two years, and elections made with due regard for geographical locations. In addition to this Executive Committee, through which the State Presidents can function nationally, the Committee of Nine recommends: Representation on the Commission on Missions of State Presidents, and voice in the selection of the Associate Woman Secretary. Through these various mediums the State presidents will be recognized as authorized representatives of the women's co-operating organizations in their respective states.

Our State presidents are vital factors in the promotion of the whole missionary program and should, through correspondence or meetings, exchange plans in regard to broadening and increasing the effectiveness of this work. Owing to the expense involved it has been suggested that at present, meetings should not be multiplied.

With State presidents in closer correspondence, with the selection of a new Association Woman Secretary, a young woman of sympathy, winning personality, tact, world outlook, and a grasp of state problems, it is hoped that women's work would acquire new zeal and enthusiasm, and that many of our young women, apparently uninterested, would be recaptured for this great cause.

In its report, the Committee of Nine mention, in addition to an Associate Woman Secretary, "such other Secretaries and assistants as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the work." Great care should be taken to avoid appointing additional workers unless absolutely essential for the successful carrying on of the work, for to save expense was one of the prime motives for adopting the merger.

In conclusion, the Committee of Nine expresses the hope that the adoption of its suggestions will lay the basis for "yet greater combined endeavor in the world mission of the church."

"PIONEERS—THE 1933 GUEST BOOK"

A sample of this book will reach every pastor's desk very soon after Labor Day. The title is suggestive of the fact that all Christian service and living is a kind of pioneering, and unless these missionaries of ours are "pioneers of life" they are nothing. Moreover, the title has particular pertinency because the book this year aims to show some of the more progressive plans and policies that are being used in our missionary work at home and abroad. The cover is suggestive of the great variety of people, circumstances, localities, and needs with which our missionary enterprise deals. This year's edition is 175,000 copies and the printing is being done at the remarkably low price of one and a third cents a copy.

The book ought to be used not as an end in itself, but as a means of a more thorough-going program of missionary education during the fall. It is designed to go into every home and to be read and studied by every person as the beginning this fall on the part of all our people of a more resolute attempt to understand some of the ways in which our Congregational and Christian churches are attempting to deal with the problem of Christianizing our world. Never before was the need of the spread of the pioneer faith and hope and love of Christ more evident.

Supplies for the local churches may be ordered from the Commission on Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, or from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

BENICIA. The average attendance for the month of August was the best of any month for some years. Forty were present at the young people's rally on the first Sunday after the opening of high school. The church was represented by a splendid delegation at Asilomar. Rev. Ernest Houlding is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. The Sunday school will hold its rally for the work of the Fall on September 17th. In preparation for the same, the orchestra has begun rehearsing. This organization has made a real place for itself in the community and the church. Rev. C. C. Champlin is the pastor.

SOQUEL. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. T. Davies of Salida, thus having the opportunity of renewing acquaintanceship with her former parish.

PERSONALS

Rev. F. J. Van Horn is at present in Worcester, Massachusetts, occupying the pulpit which he formerly held and in which his son, Paul, now serves. He hopes soon to return to California, and will be welcomed by his many friends.

During the Sabbatical year of Professor Herbert Francis Evans, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, associate minister of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, will hold a seminar on religious education at the Pacific School of Religion.